

Remarks

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 4-13, 16-17, 20-25, 28, 31-36, 39, 41, and 43 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 17, 28, 39, 41 and 43 have been amended to include the claim elements of a “design for manufacture of parts”.

Objections to the Claims

The Examiner objected to claims 4 and 21-25 for depending on a cancelled claim, either directly or through intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 4, 21 and 22 have been amended to depend from a pending claim. As claims 23-25 depend from claim 22, either directly or through an intervening claim, they likewise now depend from a pending claim.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101/Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner stated claims 1, 4-13, 16-17, 20-25, 28, 31-36, 39, 41 and 43 would be allowed if each independent claim were amended to include a “design and manufactured parts” limitation. Accordingly, claims 1, 17, 25, 39, 21 and 43 have been amended to include this limitation.

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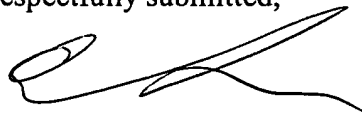
Conclusion

Claims 1, 4-13, 16-17, 20-25, 28, 31-36, 39, 41 are now pending and believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that all pending claims be allowed.

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